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Fire Update

Richland, Wash.: Firefighters from three counties are still battling a wildfire the communities of Kiona and Benton City in Benton County. Here is latest information:

Fire name: Mc Bee Command Fire location: South of Kiona and Benton City

Cause: Lightning Strike

Fire start time: 1204

Approximate size (acres): 3,000 – 4,000 (estimated)

Number of firefighters: 90

Number of trucks/equipment: 30 including one aircraft

Outside agencies involved: Walla Walla County, Franklin County and Benton County

Injuries: None

Structures damaged: None

Structures threatened: 50

Evacuations: Residents along Yakitat Road are being evacuated. The American Red Cross has been notified.

Percentage contained: Unknown

Expected full containment: Unknown

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